

REMARKS

Examiner Doukas is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on May 10, 2010.

The Examiner Interview Summary Record is believed to accurately reflect what was discussed and agreed to during the Interview.

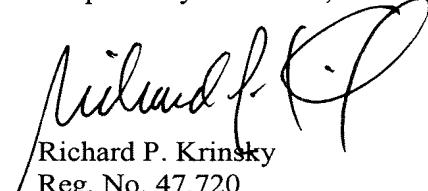
Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wyssmann (U.S. Patent No. 5,741,275), in view of Nohara (U.S. Patent No. 4,646,925), the rejection of Claims 6 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wyssmann '275, in view of Nohara '925 as applied to Claim 1 above and further in view of Ahern (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0037165) and the rejection of Claims 4 and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wyssmann '275, in view of Nohara '925 as applied to Claim 1 above and further in view of Yeung (U.S. Patent No. 5,363,890) is hereby requested. As stated in the Examiner Interview Summary Record, "Proposed amendments to claim 1 were discussed in regards to adding limitations to the pressure that the device must withstand as well as constructing the central layer of polyamide. Examiner agrees that the proposed amendments overcome the prior art of record and a new search will need to be conducted".

Claim 1 has been amended as discussed and agreed to. Claims 5-8 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 21 and 22 are added, support for which is found in the Specification at paragraph [0009]. Claims 3, 4, 9-12, 21 and 22 depend from Claim 1 and are considered to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as Claim 1 and for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Claims 1, 3, 4, 9-12, 21 and 22 and the Application are now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (699/44979).

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure(s): Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

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